Autumn Plants of the Peloponnese

Naturetrek Tour Report

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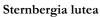




Galanthus reginae-olgae

Mystras







Crocus mazziaricus

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Day 1

Wednesday 23rd October

After an early start from Heathrow, we arrived in Athens, just after midday. After a long and frustrating delay to get our vehicles, we finally got under way and made good progress along the motorway. We stopped at Corinth to view the canal and for a leg-stretch. Alongside the canal, we saw the tall white flower spikes of Sea Squill Drimia numidica, the common Autumn Squill Prospero autumnale, the distinctive yellow Dandelion Taraxacum hellenicum and our first crocus, Crocus mazziaricus. Butterflies included Clouded Yellow, Cleopatra and Greenveined White. We continued north along the newly-completed coast road, before turning inland and climbing steeply into the mountains. Just short of Kalavrita, we stopped to view the monastery of Mega Spileon, perched on a high cliff, above the Vouraikos Gorge. Up on the bank, we spotted the unmistakable yellow flowers of Sternbergia lutea. Once we had settled into our hotel, we went out for a tasty meal in a taverna, just around the corner.

Day 2

Thursday 24th October

We awoke to a perfectly clear sunny day and, after breakfast, we set off up the mountain. Above Kalavrita, we explored an area of Kermes Oak scrub and open pasture, where we found more white *Crocus mazziaricus* and, after a little searching, the black-anthered *Crocus melantherus*. *Cyclamen hederifolium* subsp. *hederifolium* was common under the shade of the trees. We drove upwards, through forest of Greek Fir *Abies cephalonica*, to the car park below the ski resort. Around us was a tawny-coloured landscape with stunted fir trees and cartwheels of prostrate Common Juniper *Juniperus communis* var. *saxatilis*. On the rocky slopes, we gained some idea of the rich flora, finding mats of *Globularia stygia* and *Thymus rechingeri*, two local endemics, and low shrubs of Olive-leaved Daphne *Daphne oleoides*, some of which had a few late cream-coloured flowers. As we made our way up the slopes we found bushes of the endemic Hawthorn *Crataegus pycnoloba*, an occasional tree of Greek Plum *Prunus cocomilia* and small shrubs of pink-flowered *Astragalus thracicus* and Drypis *Drypis spinosa*. When we reached the ridge, we had wonderful views over the Styx Valley and the steep, northern slopes of Chelmos.

We drove across the plateau and descended a little way, to find a sheltered spot for lunch. Around us, as we ate, we found a number of dark pink flowers of *Colchicum boissieri*, and a couple of tiny yellow *Sternbergia colchiciflora*. After our picnic, we stopped by a large population of *Sternbergia lutea*, which extended up the hillside, for some distance.

We retraced our route through Kalavrita, finding even more impressive displays of *Sternbergia lutea*, by the roadside, among which were the purple spathes of *Biarum tenuifolium*. We continued along scenic mountain roads and over a pass to the remote village of Plataniotissa. Here we saw its famous ancient Oriental Plane tree, the hollow bole of which contains a strange little chapel. We received a warm welcome in the adjacent taverna, where home-made walnut cake was served with our coffee. In the evening, we ate in another nearby taverna, where we were served a lovely range of traditional dishes.

Day 3

Friday 25th October

After a little time to look around the town, we left at 10.00am and headed south, through beautiful mountain scenery. We made a short stop to see Pausanias' Vine, a huge multi-trunked specimen, estimated to be some 2000 years old. After passing through the busy market town of Klitoria, we investigated a roadside cliff where a dense population of *Cyclamen hederifolium* subsp. *hederifolium* displayed some interesting leaf patterns and, further on, we stopped by a chapel where there were more extensive drifts of *Sternberia lutea*, on abandoned cultivation terraces. We had lunch by the roadside, north of Tripoli, where there were many *Crocus hadriaticus*, another species with white flowers, but easily identified by its distinctive three-lobed orange or red stigma.

We made a diversion from the main road, across a high wild plateau, where we found our first *Cyclamen graecum*, here growing alongside *Cyclamen hederifolium*, but readily distinguished by the shape and texture of its leaves. Yet another crocus was plentiful here, our fourth white species. This was *Crocus boryi*, its white anthers separating it from *C. hadriaticus* and *C. melantherus*, both of which were growing in the vicinity. We descended to the plain of Sparta, with the long outline of the Taygetos Mountains filling the skyline, to the west. We arrived at our waterfront hotel in Gythio just before 6.00pm, finishing off our day with dinner in a taverna overlooking the harbour.

Day 4

Saturday 26th October

West of Gythio, we had a successful search of some old olive groves for flowering spikes of Autumn Lady's Tresses *Spiranthes spiralis*. Growing alongside them was *Cyclamen graecum* and more *Crocus boryi*. Further on, in contrast to the open olive groves, we stopped under a dense canopy of Valonia Oak *Quercus ithaburensis* subsp. *macrolepis*. It has the largest of all acorn cups, which look like miniature bird's nests, and were used, in the past, for tanning leather. Under the trees, were myriads of sweetly perfumed *Cyclamen hederifolium* subsp. *crassifolium*. In places the plants were thickly crowded, with corms on top of their neighbours, and large enough to be of considerable age. The subspecies is a tetraploid, with thicker, fleshier leaves than the nominate diploid, that we had seen in the mountains. As far as is known, it appears to be restricted to the coasts of the Peloponnese and a number of islands.

As we crossed over the northern end of the Mani peninsula, the hillsides were dominated by Tree Spurge Euphorbia dendroides. We stopped by the roadside to see a large number of our fifth crocus, the endemic lilac-blue Crocus goulimyi, mixed with a few Crocus boryi. Two small pink Colchicums were also common here; the widespread Colchicum cupanii and the endemic Colchicum zahnii.

We arrived at the Vlychada Cave, paid the entrance fee, and enjoyed our lunch near the beach, before our tour. The cave is one of the world's most richly-decorated, and we had an unforgettable experience in its maze of passages. Once back in daylight, we saw interesting plants, along the cliffs, including Tree Medick, Medicago arborea, the shrubby Dianthus fruticosus subsp. occidentalis, Golden Samphire Limbarda crithmoides and Woody Catchfly Silene fruticosa. After coffee, we returned through Areopolis, with a stop to see spectacular displays of a second endemic crocus. Crocus niveus is one of the largest-flowered of all crocuses, with goblet-shaped flowers often exceeding 20cm. We made a diversion to the small cliff-top settlement of Ageranos, where there was an attractive church and a Maniot tower, once home to the Grigoraki family. Nearby, we found a few flowers of the sweetly-scented little daffodil Narcissus obsoletus and some lovely plants of the localised endemic Colchicum parlatoris. We drove down to the deserted Kamares beach, where we were surprised to find a family of Water

Rail, in a marshy area, behind the strand line. The sea was mirror-calm and, as the sun set, its surface gradually changed colour from blue through pink to a deep purple. It was one of those rare and unplanned experiences, and a great way to end the day.

Day 5

Sunday 27th October

A little way east of Gythio, we had a short walk along the dunes, near the rusting wreck of a cargo ship, the Dimitrios. Noteworthy plants included Sea Daffodil *Pancratium maritimum*, Purple Spurge *Euphorbia peplis* and Sea Knotgrass *Polygonum maritimum*. We continued across the broad delta of the Evrotas River, much of it now given over to orange groves. East of Skala, we turned inland, through wild and largely unpopulated hill-country, in the southern part of the Parnon range. In places, the vibrant autumn colours of Smoke Bush *Cotinus coggygria*, were mixed with Strawberry Tree *Arbutus unedo* and the pink-barked Eastern Strawberry Tree *Arbutus andrachne*. Autumn Heather provided a further colourful show and we found bushes of the silver-leaved daphne-relative *Thymelaea tartonraira* subsp. *tartonraira*. *Crocus niveus* grew plentifully in the rocky terrain and we came across a large adult Marginated Tortoise, crossing the road. Around the village of Lambokambos, there were masses of *Crocus goulimyi* and a new small white crocus, with white anthers, *Crocus laevigatus*.

We stopped beside the road for lunch, where we found the small pink flowers of *Colchicum cupanii*. Continuing south, down the peninsula, we had a brief coffee break, overlooking the rock of Monemvasia, before heading a little way into the hills, where our final crocus of the week was growing in profusion. The botanical status of *Crocus goulimyi* subsp. *leucanthus* is still the subject of some debate, but it is undeniably distinctive, being almost white or of the palest lavender. Growing nearby, *Crocus laevigatus* was also common and, on old cultivation terraces, there were arresting displays of *Cyclamen hederifolium* subsp. *crassifolium*.

By the time we reached Monemvasia, daylight was fading fast, so there was little time to explore the Byzantine town. Being a public holiday, it was thronging with tourists, but we were fortunate to find tables, in one of its tavernas, for our evening meal. After this, despite the fairly long drive, in the dark, back to Gythio, we were back in our hotel, earlier than usual.

Day 6

Monday 28th October

We set off at around 8.30am and after a short visit to the Gythio's well-preserved Roman Theatre, we drove north and followed a winding road up into the Taygetos Mountains. Forests of Greek Fir, and Turkish Black Pine, *Pinus nigra* subsp. *nigra* var. *caramanica* dominate the middle slopes and in damp gullies under Oriental Plane, we found populations of the Queen Olga's Snowdrop *Galanthus reginae-olgae*, along with abundant *Cyclamen hederifolium* subsp. *hederifolium*. We had lunch at Krioneri, followed by a walk along a rough mountain road, which offered excellent views of the plain of Sparta, far below us. *Crocus boryi* was still fairly common and we saw a number of *Crocus hadriaticus* and *Colchicum boissieri*. We continued through the forest for some way, before taking a steep track, which emerged in the mountain village of Socha. Beyond the village, the road descended into a deep gorge, where we stopped to see *Campanula versicolor* and the Mullein-leaved *Inula verbascifolia*, on the vertical limestone cliffs. From the foot of the mountains, we were soon on the main road back to Gythio.

Day 7

Tuesday 29th October

The day started with a visit to the islet of Kranae, connected to the coast by a narrow causeway. Here, we found an astonishing display of beautifully patterned leaves of *Cyclamen graecum*. We drove north to the impressive Byzantine town of Mystras, perched high on a hill, above Sparta, and spent the morning wandering among its ruins. There were good displays of *Sternbergia lutea*, at the top of the site, and on the cliffs were the autumn-flowering onion *Allium callimischon* subsp. *callimischon* and lovely plants of *Campanula versicolor*, with large, two-toned blue flowers. We then made the short drive to the neighbouring village of Parori. We had lunch beside the fountains, in the village square, where curtains of Maidenhair Fern festooned the damp walls. Afterwards, we walked up the adjacent Parori Gorge, as far as a chapel, built inside a large cave in the cliff. The fresh green rosettes of leaves of Madonna Lily *Lilium candidum* were plentiful, as were both *Cyclamen hederifolium* and *C. graecum* and we found the curious flowers of Evergreen Birthwort *Aristolochia sempervirens*. After drinks in the village, we were back in Gythio by 5.45pm.

Day 8

Wednesday 30th October

We left around 7.30am for the long drive to the airport. We made good progress and had time for a leg stretch and a coffee break. After a delay in returning our vehicles, we got to the airport, just in time for check-in, only to discover that our flight was overbooked. After a nervous wait, most of the group departed on time, leaving three of us to take a later flight.

Species Lists

Plants

Pinaceae

Latin name Common name Notes
PTERIDOPHYTES FERNS AND FERN ALLIES

Aspleniaceae Spleenwort Family

Asplenium ceterach Rusty-back Fern Common

Aspleniun onopteris Acute-leaved Spleenwort Frequent. Shaded cliffs

Asplenium trichomanes Maidenhair Spleenwort Occasional. Shaded cliffs

Dennstaedtiaceae Bracken Family

Pteridium aquilinum Bracken Common

Equisetaceae Horsetail Family

Equisetum arvenseField HorsetailOccasionalEquisetum ramosissimumBranched HorsetailHedges and scrub

Equisetum telmateia Giant Horsetail Ditches

Polypodiaceae Polypody Family

Polypodium vulgare Common Polypody Taygetos

Pteridaceae Maidenhair Fern Family

Adiantum capillus-venerisMaidenhair FernParori fountainCheilanthes acrostichaScented CheilanthesCommon

GYMNOSPERMS CONIFERS

Araucariaceae Monkey Puzzle Family

Araucaria heterophylla ‡ Norfolk Island Pine Cultivated

Cupressaceae Juniper Family *Cupressus sempervirens* forma.

sempervirens ‡Funeral CypressCultivatedJuniperus communis var. saxatilisCommon JuniperChelmosJuniperus oxycedrus subsp. oxycedrusPrickly JuniperMountains

Juniperus phoenicea subsp. phoenicea Phoenicean Juniper Lowland scrub

Ephedraceae Joint Pine Family

Ephedra foeminea A Joint Pine Common

Abies cephalonica Greek Fir Mountains
Pinus halepensis subsp. brutia Calabrian Pine Common

Pinus halepensis subsp. halepensis ‡

Aleppo Pine

Frequently planted

Pine Family

Pinus nigra subsp. nigra var. caramanicaTurkish Black PineTaygetosPinus pinea ‡Umbrella pineCultivated

ANGIOSPERMS FLOWERING PLANTS

DICOTYLEDONS

Acanthaceae Acanthus Family

Acanthus spinosus Spiny Bear's Breech Occasional

Latin name Common name Notes

Aizoaceae

Carpobrotus edulis ‡ Hottentot Fig Naturalised on coasts

Dew Plant Family

Amaranthaceae Goosefoot Family

Chenopodium albumFat-HenCommon weedSalsola kaliPrickly SaltwortSandy beaches

Anacardiaceae Sumach Family

Cotinus coggygriaSmoke BushLocally commonPistacia lentiscusMastic TreeCommonPistacia terebinthusTurpentine TreeCommon

Apiaceae Carrot Family

Bupleurum fruticosumShrubby Hare's EarFrequent near coastsCrithmum maritimumRock SamphireMaritime rocksDaucus carotaWild carrotCommonEryngium amethystinumBlue EryngoDry grasslandsEryngium campestreField EryngoCommon

Eryngium creticum

Eryngium maritimum

Small-headed Blue Eryngo

Dry grasslands

Sea Holly

Sand dunes

Ferula communis

Giant Fennel

Common

Foeniculum vulgare subsp. piperitum

Wild Fennel

Common

Scaligeria napiformis Scaligeria Shaded rocky paces

Scandix pecten-venerisShepherd's NeedleCommonSmyrnium rotundifoliumRound-leaved AlexandersFrequent

Apocynaceae Dogbane Family

Nerium oleander Oleander Frequent along watercourses

Periploca graecaSilk VineHedgesPlumeria rubra‡FrangipaniCultivated

Araliaceae Ivy Family

Hedera helix Ivy Frequent

Aristolochiaceae Birthwort Family

Aristolochia sempervirens Evergreen Birthwort Common

Asteraceae Daisy Family

Cichorium intybus

Achillea maritimaCottonweedSand dunesBellis perennisDaisyCommonBellis sylvestrisSouthern DaisyCommonChondrilla junceaRush SkeletonweedCommon

Chicory

Cirsium candelabrum Candelabra Thistle Widespread in the mountains

Waste places

 Cirsium eriophorum
 Wooly Thistle
 Frequent

 Dittrichia graveolens
 Aromatic Inula
 Waste places

Dittrichia viscosa Stink Aster Abundant on roadsides

Echinops spinosissimusSpiniest Globe-ThistleRocky placesErigeron canadensis ‡Canadian FleabaneCommon weed

Galactites tomentosaGalactitesCommon. Waste placesHelminthotheca echioidesBristly OxtongueOccasional weedInula verbascifoliaMullein-leaved InulaCliffs. Taygetos

Limbarda crithmoides Golden Samphire Coast

Latin name Common name Notes

Mycelis muralis Wall Lettuce Walls and rocks Shrubby Cudweed Walls and rocks Phagnalon graecum Common Picnomon acarna Yellow Spine-thistle Shrubby Ptilostemon Cliffs Ptilostemon chamaepeuce Scolymus hispanicus Spanish Oyster Plant Roadsides Senecio vulgaris Groundsel Waste places Senecio rupestris Rock Groundsel Chelmos Prickly Sow Thistle Sonchus asper Waste places

Sonchus oleraceusSmooth Sow ThistrleWaste placesTaraxacum hellenicumA DandelionCorinthTripolium pannonicumSea AsterCoastal marshXanthium spinosum ‡Spiny CockleburOccasional weed

Xanthium strumarium ‡ Cocklebur Frequent weed

Bignoniaceae Catalpa Family

Catalpa bignonioides ‡ Indian Bean Tree Cultivated

Betulaceae Birch Family

Ostrya carpinifolia Hop Hornbeam Common

Boraginaceae Borage Family

Anchusa italica Large Blue Alkanet Roadsides. Taygetos

Cerinthe majorHoneywortOccasionalCynoglossum creticumBlue Hound's-tongueFrequent

Echium angustifolium Narrow-leaved Bugloss Coast. Common

Echium italicum subsp. biebersteiniiPale BuglossRoadsides. CommonEchium plantagineumPurple Viper's-buglossCommon

Heliotropium europaeum Heliotrope Common. Waste places

Onosma heterophylla A Golden Drops Rocky pasture

Onosma frutescens Shrubby Golden Drops Walls and rocks. Common

Brassicacae Cabbage Family

Aubrieta deltoideaAubrietaMountainsAurinia saxatilisYellow AlyssumMystrasBerteroa obliquaA Hoary AlisonFields. Kalavrita

Cakile maritima
Sea Rocket
Maritime sand
Fibigia clypeata
Fibigia annua subsp. pachyrhiza
Honesty
Mystras

Hoary Stock

Monemvasia

Cactaceae Cactus Family

Matthiola incana

Opuntia ficus-barbarica ‡ Prickly Pear Widespread

Campanulaceae Bellflower Family

Campanula andrewsii subsp andrewsii • Chelmos

Campanula topaliana subsp. topaliana • Mystras
Campanula versicolor Cliffs

Cannabaceae Hackberry and Hemp Family

Celtis australis European Nettle Tree Frequent

Capparaceae Caper Family

Capparis spinosa Caper Common on cliffs

Latin name	Common name	Notes
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family	
Cerastium candidissimum		Mountains
Dianthus fruticosus subsp. occidentalis •	A Shrubby Pink	Coastal cliffs. Diros
Drypis spinosa	Drypis	Mountains
Paronychia capitata		Occasional
Petrorhagia glumacea		Frequent
Silene fruticosa	Woody Catchfly	Cliffs
Silene gigantea subsp. hellenica •	Giant Catchfly	Parori gorge
Silene vulgaris	Bladder Campion	Common
Cistaceae	Rock-rose Family	
Cistus creticus subsp. creticus	Cretan Cistus	Common
Cistus salvifolius	Sage-leaved Cistus	Locally common
Fumana arabica	Mediterranean Rockrose	Frequent
Fumana thymifolia	Thyme Rockrose	Frequent
Helianthemum hymettium •	A Rockrose	Mountains
Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family	
Convolvulus althaeoides	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	Frequent
Convolvulus elegantissimus	Elegant Bindweed	Dry stony places
Ipomoea indica ‡	A Morning Glory	Cultivated
ipomeea malea :	A Meming Clory	Cantivatoa
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
Petrosedum ochroleucum	European Stonecrop	Widespread
Petroedum sediforme	Pale Stonecrop	Common
Sedum album	White Stonecrop	Common
Sedum amplexicaule subsp. tenuifolium		Frequent on rocks
Umbilicus rupestris	Wall Pennywort	Common
Cucurbitaceae	Cucumber Family	
Bryonia cretica	White Bryony	Frequent
Ecballium elaterium	Squirting Cucumber	Waste places
Dipsacaceae	Teasel Family	
Pterocephalus perennis	·	Mountains
Ericaceae	Heather Family	
Arbutus andrachne	Eastern Strawberry Tree	Locally common
Arbutus unedo	Strawberry Tree	Locally common
Erica arborea	Tree Heather	Locally common
Erica manipuliflora	Autumn Heather	Locally common
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
Euphorbia acanthothamnos	Greek Spiny Spurge	Locally common
Euphorbia chamaesyce	Small Spurge	Common
Euphorbia characias	Large Mediterranean Spurge	Locally common
Euphorbia dendroides	Tree Spurge	Common near coasts
Euphorbia peplis	Purple Spurge	Maritime sands
Euphorbia pulcherrima ‡	Poinsettia	Cultivated
Euphorbia rigida	Narrow-leaved Glaucous Spurge	Common
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Fabaceae Pea Family

Mercurialis annua

Ricinus communis ‡

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Annual Mercury

Castor-oil-plant

Common

Occasional

Latin nameCommon nameNotesAcacia saligna ‡Blue-leaved WattleCultivatedAnagyris foetidaBean TrefoilLocally commonAnthyllis hermanniaeHerman's Kidney VetchLocal in phrygana

Anthyllis vulneraria subsp. rubrifloraKidney VetchCommonAstragalus angustifoliusNarrow-leaved Milk VetchMountainsAstragalus thracicus •Chelmos

Bituminaria bituminosa Pitch Trefoil Common
Calycotome villosa Hairy Thorny Broom Common
Ceratonia siliqua Carob Frequent
Cercis siliquastrum Judas Tree Frequent
Coronilla valentina Shrubby Scorpion Vetch Cliffs. Areopolis

Genista acanthocladaCommonHippocrepis comosaHorseshoe VetchChelmosHippocrepis emerusScopion SennaParori gorgeMedicago arboreaTree MedickCoastal cliffs

Medicago marinaSea MedickSand dunesOnonis spinosa subsp. diacanthaSpiny Rest-harrowFrequent

Robinia pseudoacacia ‡ False Acacia Planted and naturalised Spartium junceum Spanish Broom Common. Roadsides

Fagaceae Beech Family

Castanea sativa ‡Sweet ChestnutTaygetosQuercus coccifera subsp. calliprinosKermes OakCommonQuercus ilexHolm OakCommon

Quercus ithaburensis subsp. macrolepisValonia OakLocally commonQuercus pubescensWhite OakCommon

Geraniaceae Geranium Family

Erodium cicutariumCommon Stork's-billWaste placesGeranium molleDove's-foot Crane's-billFrequentGeranium purpureumLittle RobinCommon

Geranium robertianum Herb Robert Damp shady places

Globularia Family

Globularia alypum Shrubby Globularia North of Lambokambos Globularia stygia • Chelmos

Grossulariaceae Currant Family

Ribes uva-crispa Gooseberry Chelmos

Hypericaceae St John's-wort Family

Hypericum empetrifoliumCrowberry-leaved St John's-wortFrequentHypericum perforatumPerforate St John's-wortOccasionalHypericum triquetrifoliumWavy-leaved St John's-wortRocky places

Hypericum vesiculosum Mystras and Parori gorge

Juglandaceae Walnut Family

Juglans regia ‡ Walnut Cultivated

Lamiaceae Dead-nettle Family

Ballota acetabulosaGarden HorehoundRocky placesClinopodium alpinumAlpine CalamintChelmosClinopodium nepetaLesser CalamintCommonClinopodium vulgareWild BasilShady places

Thymus rechingeri •

Vitex agnus-castus

Common name Latin name **Notes**

Micromeria graeca A Micromeria Rocky places Micromeria juliana Micromeria Rocky places Nepeta argolica • A Catmint Chelmos Ocimum basilicum ‡ Basil Cultivated Origanum vulgare Marjoram Frequent Phlomis fruticosa Jerusalem Sage Common

Chelmos

Chelmos

Phlomis samia Salvia fruticosa Greek Sage Common Salvia verbenaca Wild Clary Common Satureja thymbra Satureia Rocky places Scutellaria rupestris A Skullcap Parori gorge Stachys candida A Woundwort Parori gorge Wall Germander Widespread Teucrium chamaedrys Teucrium capitatum Felty Germander Common Thymbra capitata Mediterranean Thyme Common

A Thyme

Chaste Tree Frequent. Riverbeds

Lythraceae **Loosestrife Family**

Lythrum salicaria Purple Loosestrife Ditches

Malvaceae **Mallow Family**

Eastern Hollyhock Frequent Alcea pallida Hibiscus rosa-sinensis ‡ Cultivated Hibiscus Lavatera bryoniifolia Bryony-leaved Mallow Frequent Malva arborea Tree Mallow Coastal Malva sylvestris Common Mallow Common

Meliaceae **Mahogany Family**

Melia azedarach ‡ Persian Lilac Cultivated

Moraceae **Mulberry Family**

Ficus carica Common Fig Morus alba ‡ White Mulberry Cultivated

Morinaceae **Morina Family**

A Morina Chelmos Morina persica

Myrtle Family Myrtaceae

Eucayptus camaldulensis ‡ River Red Gum Cultivated Melaleuca citrina ‡ Crimson Bottlebrush Cultivated

Common Myrtle Myrtus communis Occasional. Maquis

Nyctaginaceae **Bougainvillea Family**

Bougainvillea xbuttiana ‡ Bougainvillea Cultivated

Ash Family Oleaceae

Olea europaea var. sylvestris Wild Olive Frequent Fraxinus ornus Manna Ash Widespread

Mock Privet Frequent in maquis Phillyrea latifolia

Oxalidaceae **Wood-sorrel Family**

Oxalis pes-caprae ‡ Bermuda Buttercup Common weed Oxalis corniculata Procumbent Yellow Sorrel Occasional

Rhamnus lycioides subsp. graeca

Common name **Notes** Latin name **Papaveraceae Poppy Family** Glaucium flavum Yellow Horned-poppy Coastal habitats **Paulowniaceae Paulownia Family** Paulownia tomentosa ‡ Paulownia Cultivated **Pittosporum Family Pittosporaceae** Pittosporum tobira ‡ Cultivated **Plantaginaceae Plantain Family** Plantago coronopus Stag's-horn Plantain Waste areas near coast **Platanaceae Plane Family** Platanus orientalis Oriental Plane Common Plumbaginaceae **Thrift Family** A Thrift Chelmos Armeria canescens Limonium virgatum A Sea-lavender Coastal A Sea-lavender Coastal Limonium vulgare Plumbago europaea European Plumbago Mystras Polygalaceae **Milkwort Family** Polygala myrtifolia ‡ Cultivated Polygala vulgaris Common Milkwort Chelmos **Dock Family** Polygonaceae Horsetail Knotgrass Polygonum equisetiforme Waste places **Portulacaceae Purslane Family** Common. Waste areas Portulaca oleracea Purslane Primulaceae **Primrose Family** Cyclamen graecum subsp. graecum **Greek Sowbread** Common Cyclamen hederifolium subsp. crassifolium • Common in lowland areas Cyclamen hederifolium subsp. hederifolium Sowbread Common in mountains Cyclamen rhodium subsp. peloponnesiacum • Common. Spring flowering Lysimachia arvensis Scarlet Pimpernel Frequent Primula vulgaris Primrose Wet banks in Taygetos Samolus valerandi Brookweed Parori fountain **Punicaceae Pomegranate Family** Punica granatum ‡ Pomegranate Cultivated Ranunculaceae **Buttercup Family** Clematis cirrhosa Virgin's Bower Common Coastal areas Clematis flammula **Fragrant Clematis** Clematis vitalba Old Man's Beard Common Consolida ajacis A Larkspur Frequent A Lesser Celendine Ficaria verna subsp. chrysocephalus Common Nigella damascena Love-in-a-mist Frequent **Buckthorn Family** Rhamnaceae

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Common

A Buckthorn

Latin name	Common name	Notes
Rosaceae	Rose Family	
Crataegus heldreichii	A Hawthorn	Taygetos
Crataegus monogyna	Hawthorn	Frequent in north
Crataegus pycnoloba •	A Hawthorn	Chelmos
Cydonia oblonga ‡	Quince	Cultivated
Eriobotrya japonica ‡	Japanese Loquat	Cultivated
Poterium sanguisorba	Salad Burnet	Common
Prunus avium	Wild Cherry	Forests
Prunus cocomilia	Greek Plum	Chelmos
Prunus dulcis ‡	Almond	Cultivated
Prunus spinosa	Blackthorn	Frequent
Pyracantha coccinea ‡	Firethorn	Cultivated
Pyrus spinosa	Wild Pear	Common
Rosa canina	Dog Rose	Common
Rosa sempervirens	Evergreen Rose	Frequent
Rubus ulmifolius	A Bramble	Common
Sarcopoterium spinosum	Thorny Burnet	Common
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family	
Galium rotundifolium	Round-leaved Bedstraw	Shady forests
Rubia peregrina	Wild Madder	Shady places
Rutaceae	Rue Family	
Citrus limon ‡	Lemon	Cultivated
Citrus sinensis ‡	Orange	Cultivated
Ruta chalepensis	Fringed Rue	Parori
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Salicaceae	Willow Family	
Populus alba	White Poplar	Common. Damp habitats
Populus nigra ‡	Black Poplar	Cultivated
Santalaceae	Bastard-toadflax Family	
Osyris alba	Osyris	Locally common
Viscum album subsp. abietis	Mistletoe	Common on Abies
Sapindaceae	Maple Family	
Acer sempervirens	Cretan Maple	Common
Saxifragaceae	Saxifrage Family	
Saxifraga rotundifolia subsp. chrysospleniifolia	Chrysosplenium-leaved Saxifrage	Shaded rocks
Saxiiraga Toturiuliolia Subsp. Uri ysospierilliolia	Chi y so spierii din rie aved Gaziirage	Shaded locks
Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family	
Scrophularia canina subsp. bicolor	French Figwort	Frequent
Scrophularia heterophylla		Cliffs
Scrophularia peregrina	Nettle-leaved Figwort	Occasional
Verbascum macrurum		Common
Verbascum pulverulentum	Hoary Mullein	Occasional
Verbascum sinuatum	Wavy-leaved Mullein	Common
Simaroubaceae	Tree-of-heaven Family	
Ailanthus altissima ‡	Tree-of-heaven	Naturalised and invasive
Solanaceae	Nightshade Family	

Latin nameCommon nameNotesDatura innoxiaA ThornappleRoadsides

Datura stramonium ‡ Thornapple Waste ground
Nicotiana glauca ‡ Shrubby Tobacco Waste areas and roadsides

Solanum elaeagnifolium ‡ Silver-leaved Nightshade Occasional
Solanum nigrum Black Nightshade Frequent

Withania somnifera ‡ Withania Occasional. Waste places

Styracaceae Storax Family

Styrax officinalis Storax Occasional in woods

Tamaricaceae Tamarisk Family

Tamarix parviflora Small-flowered Tamarisk Coast

Thymelaeaceae Mezereon Family

Daphne oleoides Olive-leaved Daphne Chelmos

Thymelaea tartonraira subsp. tartonraira North of Lambokambos

Ulmaceae Elm Family

Ulmus minor Small-leaved Elm Frequent

Urticaceae Nettle Family

Parietaria judaicaPellitory-of-the-wallCommonUrtica dioicaNettleWidespreadUrtica urensSmall NettleCommon

Valerianaceae Valerian Family

Centranthus longiflorus Parori

Centranthus ruber Red Valerian Monemvasia, Mystras

Verbenaceae Vervain Family

Verbena officinalis Vervain Common

Veronicaceae Speedwell Family

Cymbalaria microcalyx subsp. alba • Mystras and Parori

Digitalis laevigataGreek FoxgloveTaygetosVeronica cymbalariaWhite SpeedwellWaste placesVeronica persica ‡Common Field SpeedwellCommon

Viburnaceae Viburnum Family

Sambucus nigra Elder Parori Viburnum tinus Laurustinus Parori

Vitaceae Vine Family

Vitis vinifera subsp. sylvestris Wild Vine Occasional

Zygophyllaceae Caltrop Family

Tribulus terrestris Maltese Cross Waste places

MONOCOTYLEDONS

Allium chamaespathum

Amaryllidaceae Daffodil Family

Allium ampeloprasum Broad-leaved Wild Leek Monemvasia, Gythio Allium callimischon subsp. callimischon Locally common

Locally common Stony places

Latin name

Allium paniculatum Galanthus reginae-olgae Narcissus obsoletus Pancratium maritimum

Sternbergia colchiciflora

Sternbergia lutea

Araceae

Arisarum vulgare Arum italicum Biarum tenuifolium

Asparagaceae

Agave americana ‡
Asparagus acutifolius

Asparagus aphyllus subsp. orientalis

Drimia numidica Leopoldia comosa Ornithogalum montanum

Ornithogalum sp.
Prospero autumnale
Ruscus aculeatus

Asphodelaceae

Asphodeline lutea Asphodelus fistulosus Asphodelus ramosus

Colchicaceae

Colchicum boissieri
Colchicum cupanii
Colchicum parlatoris •
Colchicum zahnii •

Cyperaceae

Cyperus capitatus Scirpoides holoschoenus

Dioscoreaceae

Tamus communis

Iridaceae

Crocus boryi
Crocus mazziaricus
Crocus melantherus

Crocus goulimyi subsp. goulimyi • Crocus goulimyi subsp. leucanthus •

Crocus hadriaticus subsp. hadriaticus Crocus laevigatus Crocus niveus •

Iris unguicularis subsp. angustifolia

Juncaceae

Juncus acutus

Common name

Pale Garlic Queen Olga's Snowdrop

Late Daffodil Locally common Sea Daffodil Sand dunes Chelmos

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Kranae

Taygetos

Locally common

Common Sternbergia

Lords-and-Ladies Family

Friar's Cowl Common
Italian Lords-and-Ladies Locally common
Narrow-leaved Biarum Locally common

Asparagus Family

Centuryplant Cultivated and naturalised

Mediterranean Wild Asparagus Occasional
Leafless Asparagus Frequent
Sea Squill Locally com

Sea Squill Locally common
Tassel Hyacinth Locally common
A Star of Bethlehem Mountains and forests

A Star of Bethlehem Mystras
Autumn Squill Common
Butcher's-broom Shady places

Asphodel Family

Yellow Asphodel Locally common
Hollow-stemmed Asphodel Occasional
Branched Asphodel Common

Meadow Saffron Family

Local in mountains Locally common

Local Local

Sedge Family

A Galingale Sand dunes
Round-headed Clubrush Sand dunes

Yam Family

Black Bryony Frequent

Iris Family

Widespread in south Locally common Locally common Locally common

Locally common in south-east

Locally common Locally common Locally common

Rush Family

Algerian Iris

Sharp Rush Sandy places

Latin name

Juncus effusus

Liliaceae

Lilium candidum

Orchidaceae

Himantoglossum robertianum

Neotinea maculata Ophrys lutea Ophrys spp. Spiranthes spiralis

Poaceae

Achnatherum miliaceum Ammophila arenaria

Arundo donax ‡ Briza maxima

Catapodium rigidum Cynodon dactylon Dactylis glomerata

Lagurus ovatus Lamarckia aurea Phragmites australis

Setaria viridis Stipa pennata

Posidoniaceae

Posidonia oceanica

Smilacaceae

Smilax aspera

Typhaceae

Typha domingensis

Zosteraceae

Zostera marina

• = endemic or near endemic to the Peloponnese and neighbouring islands, including Crete

‡ = naturalised or cultivated

Common name

Notes

Damp habitats

Lily Family

Soft Rush

Madonna Lily Parori gorge

Orchid Family

Giant Orchid Frequent
Dense-flowered Orchid Chelmos
Yellow Bee Orchid Chelmos
Bee Orchids Frequent
Autumn Lady's-tresses Rocky places

Grass Family

Milo Grass Dry places Sand dunes Marram Grass Giant Reed Common **Great Quaking-grass** Frequent Fern-grass Rocky places Bermuda Grass Waste places Cock's-foot Frequent Hare's-tail Common Golden Dog's-tail Common

Common Reed Common. Wet areas

Green Bristle-grass Occasional Needle Grass Common

Neptune Grass Family

Neptune Grass Marine

Smilax Family

Smilax Common

Reedmace Family

Southern Reedmace Ditches

Eel-grass Family

Eel-grass Marine

Birds

	Common name		23 - 30 October 2019								
		Latin name	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
1	Feral Pigeon	Columba livia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
2	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto					✓	✓	✓	✓	
3	Water Rail	Rallus aquaticus				✓					
4	Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
5	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo						✓			
6	Short-toed Snake Eagle	Circaetus gallicus		✓							
7	Golden Eagle	Aquila chrysaetos						✓			
8	Northern Goshawk	Accipiter gentilis						✓			
9	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
10	Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis						✓			
11	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus				✓					
12	Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
13	Common Magpie	Pica pica	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
14	Hooded Crow	Corvus cornix		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	
15	Northern Raven	Corvus corax		✓		✓	✓	√	√		
16	Coal Tit	Periparus ater						√			
17	Great Tit	Parus major		✓				1			
18	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica					√				
19	Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		
20	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti				Н	Н	Н			
21	Long-tailed Tit	Aegithalos caudatus						✓			
22	Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala				✓	✓	1			
23	Goldcrest	Regulus regulus						1			
24	Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes				✓	✓	✓			
25	Eurasian Nuthatch	Sitta europaea						1	✓		
26	Western Rock Nuthatch	Sitta neumayer				✓					
27	Common Starling	Sturnus vulgaris				✓	✓				
28	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula		✓	1	✓	✓	✓	✓		
29	Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus		✓			✓				
30	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula				✓	✓	1	✓		
31	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
32	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius		✓			✓		✓		
33	European Stonechat	Saxicola torquata					✓				
34	Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe				✓					
35	Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata						1	✓		
36	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus		✓		✓	✓	1	✓		
37	Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea		T .		· ·	· /	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		
38	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba		✓		· /		✓			
39	Tawny Pipit	Anthus campestris		· /		<u> </u>		<u> </u>			
40	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs		· ·	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
41	European Greenfinch	Chloris chloris		✓	† ·	<u> </u>	·	† ·	† ·	Ė	
42	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis		· ·	✓	✓	✓	/			
43	European Serin	Serinus serinus		· ·	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>			
44	Cirl Bunting	Emberiza cirlus		· ·							

Other Vertebrates

		23 - 30 October 2019									
Common name	Latin name	23	24	25	26	28	28	29	30		
Mammals											
Red Fox	Vulpes vulpes				E						
Eastern Hedgehog	Erinaceus concolor				D						
Badger	Meles meles	D			E	E	D	D			
Beech Marten	Martes foina			E	D						
Reptiles											
Marginated Tortoise	Testudo marginata					✓					
Balkan Green Lizard	Lacerta trilineata							✓			
Balkan Wall Lizard	Podarcis taurica		✓	✓	✓		✓				
Peloponnese Wall Lizard	Podarcis peloponnesiacus					✓					
Greek Rock Lizard	Hellenolacerta graeca						✓				
Balkan Whipsnake	Hierophis gemonensis						✓				
Amphibians											
Balkan Stream Frog	Rana graeca				✓			✓			
Green Toad	Bufo viridis							✓			
E = Evidence											
D = Dead											

Invertebrates

		23 - 30 October 2019								
Common name	Latin name	23	24	25	26	28	28	29	30	
Butterflies										
Swallowtail	Papilio machaon							L		
Large White	Pieris brassicae	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Small White	Artogeia rapae	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Green-veined White	Pieris napi	✓			✓	✓				
Eastern Bath White	Pontia edusa					✓				
Clouded Yellow	Colias crocea	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Brimstone	Goneptryx rhamni		✓	✓						
Cleopatra	Gonepteryx cleopatra	✓	✓			✓	✓			
Small Copper	Lycaena phlaeas			✓	✓	✓				
Lang's Short-tailed Blue	Leptotes pirithous		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Brown Argus	Aricia agestis		✓				✓			
Plain Tiger	Danaus chrysippus				✓	✓	✓			
Small Tortoiseshell	Aglais urticae		✓							
Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta		✓							
Painted Lady	Vanessa cardui		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Queen of Spain Fritillary	Issoria lathonia			✓	✓	✓				
Meadow Brown	Maniola jurtina	✓	✓							
Southern Speckled Wood	Pararge aegeria aegeria		✓					✓		
Wall Brown	Lasiommata megera			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Large Wall Brown	Lasiommata maera				✓			✓		
Moths										

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Hummingbird Hawkmoth	Macroglossum stellatarum				· ·	· •	V	
Spurge Hawkmoth (larva)	Hyles euphorbiae			√				
Pine Processionary Moth	Thaumetopoea pityocampa					E		
Dragonflies								
Red-veined Darter	Sympetrum fonscolombei				✓	✓		
Common Darter	Sympetrum striolatum						✓	
Southern Migrant Hawker	Aeshna affinis			✓				
Grasshoppers and Mantids								
Nosed Grasshopper	Acrida ungarica					✓		
Blue Band-winged Grasshopper	Oedipoda caerulescens	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Red Band-winged Grasshopper	Oedipoda germanica	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
House Cricket	Acheta domesticus			Н	Н			
Praying Mantis	Mantis religiosa	✓			✓			
Other Insects								
Violet Carpenter Bee	Xylocopa violacea						✓	
Oriental Hornet	Vespa orientalis						✓	
Miscellaneous								
Small Wood Scorpion	Euscorpius naupliensis					✓		
L = larva								
E = evidence								

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